

NEWSLETTER

27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

'Good master, what must I do inherit eternal life?'

In our Gospel account, Jesus is asked what I must do to inherit eternal life? Jesus goes through the commandments and He responds to Jesus by saying, 'I have kept all these from my earliest days' But there was more and Jesus tells him "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me"

This was very hard because his riches were not the problem but his attitude towards them. It would seem he was possessed by his own possessions, and not in charge of them. Wealth and material things can subtly control us. We need to ask ourselves, do material things or worldly considerations get in the way of my relationship with God and with my neighbour? Or am I really missing out on the real treasures in life-health, faith, friendship, love?

It is significant that Jesus still looked at him and 'loved him' even though his 'many possessions' prevented him from following Jesus. It reminds us that God in his Son understands our weaknesses and our limitations, and still he loves us.

He had great wealth, found sadness in his wealth. Jesus' invitation to give away his wealth and to share threatened him badly. Jesus understood how possessions and wealth and comforts could tie us down. Equally, he knew that his compassion makes up for our human weakness. So, let's offer to Jesus in our prayer all we are and all we have, pleading for help in using wisely what we possess, and live wisely without what we might like to possess but cannot. Let's ask for his help.

Fr. Christopher

MASS INTENTIONS**Sept 25h, 2021**

6pm - Pro Populo

Sept 26th, 2021

9am—Owen Dunn (B'day Anniv)

11am— Jack Hughes RIP

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

*Every Saturday
from 5pm until 5.45*

**Second Collection for
CAFOD
this weekend.**

Please, give generously.
(Gift Aided envelopes on the table
in the porch)

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website \(cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis\)](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](http://cafod.org.uk/petition) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

Readings for this & next two Sundays

1st Reading— Wisdom 7: 7-11,
Psalm 89: 12-17, response v 14
2nd Reading - Hebrews 4; 12-13;
Gospel – Mathew 10; 17-30

1st Reading— Isaiah 53: 10-11,
Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 response v 22
2nd Reading - Hebrews 4; 14-16;
Gospel – John 14; 5

1st Reading— Jeremiah 31: 7-9,
Psalm 125 response v 3
2nd Reading - Hebrews 5; 1-6;
Gospel – Mark 10; 46-52

Jesus: The 'Better Part' We can always Choose

Hidden Jesus, life of my soul, object of my ardent desire, nothing will stifle your love in my heart. The power of our mutual love assures me of that.

Hidden Jesus, glorious pledge of my resurrection, all my life is concentrated in you, O Host, who empower me to love forever, and I know that you will love me as your child in return.

Hidden Jesus, my purest love, my life with you has begun already here on earth, and it will become fully manifest in the eternity to come, because our mutual love will never change.

Hidden Jesus, sole desire of my soul, you alone are to me more than the delights of heaven. My soul searches for you only, who are above all gifts and graces, you who come to me under the form of bread. Hidden Jesus, take at last to yourself my thirsting heart which burns for you with pure fire of the Seraphim. I go through life in your footsteps, invincible, with head held high, like a knight, feeble maid though I be.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Trusting in the Lord's Promise

It can happen that the opportunity for a great offering to our Lord coincides with a time of great personal pain. And who of us can say whether we are approaching such a day, when God's love for us, for instance, will entail a shocking loss of someone long close to us, a spouse or family member, or even one's child. Unique to each life, that day may come with no preparation, not at all anticipated. A presence much loved is ripped away and disappears into the receding shadows, never to be returned. recovery of lived before this day is not possible; all is altered. And yet this juncture in time in God's vision and plan, is not for sadness and pain, but rather invites a different understanding of God, and perhaps a contemplative turn in life. Time is of course needed, but perhaps a single insight grants the light to perceive the truth of God's love in all matters of loss.

A sacrificial act of offering must take place, more serious than any other renunciation we have made in our lives. It is a profound offering to God of what he has taken from us, holding back nothing, uniting ourselves now to his choice, even as this act may cost much in tears. 'Yes, Lord, this, too, indeed everything you have asked, I offer to you'. This act repeated possibly for many days subsequently may be decisive for all subsequent relations with God. The essential truth of sacrifice as an outpouring-a bloodletting of the heart, an immolation of soul-will reveal itself, and it must be recognised for what it truly is; an entry into the heart of God. All prayer, all sense of God's immediate presence in one's life, changes as a result. It can be why some souls discover a deeper intimacy with God only later in life, but when they do so it is a profound shift in their awareness of the soul's relations with God in prayer.

Fr. Donald Haggerty

MEDITATION

There are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving, and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray, for that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged on this.

St. Faustina Kowalska

The Pater Noster

'Do not let us fall into temptation': I am the one who falls. It is not God pushing us into temptation to then see how we have fallen. It is Satan who leads us into temptation-that is his department.

Pope Francis

Lumen Fidei

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

Pope Francis

Cardinal's Pastoral letter

Dear Friends,

In last week's Cardinal's letter, we heard about the 'Synodal process' meaning 'journeying together' here then are the questions the Cardinal wishes us to consider here in the parish.

1. during this terrible pandemic, what strengths did I find in my faith and faith community?
2. How, during this time, was I disappointed and sorrowful?
3. In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift me?
4. Whom did I neglect the most?
5. Who feels left out?
6. What could we do better?

How did we choose priorities for our own mission?

Could I ask that you consider these questions and hand in your feedback to the parish office? I would encourage Eucharistic Ministers to take these questions to our sick and housebound to get their input as well.

Thank you, *Fr. Chris*

Thank you,

I take this opportunity to thank Diane and the Parish Social Committee for having organised the BBQ on the 26th September, and all the volunteers who helped on the day. It was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time, with old and new faces coming together. I have had requests for 'when we will have another Parish get together? We could revert back to our original time of year for our BBQ in June. It has been suggested we could have another get together again in September. The suggestion merits consideration.

I also thank Dymphna and the volunteers who helped to tidy up the property for the BBQ. Thank you all and may God bless you all.

Fr. Christopher

Arrival of Little Amal,

Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on **Monday 25th October at 2pm**, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/> Please be seated by 1.45pm.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

(All applications will be accepted until 14 November)

RCIA If you or anyone you know who wishes to learn more about the Catholic Faith and be received into the Church. Then please pick an application form from the table in the lobby of the Church.

Confirmation If you are in year 9 and would like to be Confirmed, then kindly take an application form from the table in the lobby. Please fill it in and hand it back to the parish office. It is hoped to start the course in December.

First Holy Communion If you are in year 3 and would like your son or daughter to make their first Holy Communion. Please collect an application form from the table in the lobby. fill it in and hand it to the parish office.

Parents Meeting will happen on 2 December 2021.

Dates of First Reconciliation Couse:

9 January 2022, 16 January, 23 January, 30 January, 6 February, 20 February 2022

First Reconciliation on 26 February 2022

Dates of First Communion Couse:

27 February, 6 March, 13 March, 20 March, 27 March, 3 April 2022

First Holy Communion on 9 April 2022

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Those who might be in Need

If you are aware of anyone who might be in need at this difficult time, do let the parish office know, by giving their details after having consulted with them. We can assist with food vouchers and one of our neighbours are willing to help with groceries. Do let us know if anyone might need help. Thank you, Fr Christopher

ALTAR SERVERS If you have made your First Holy Communion, and would like to be an Altar Server, could you submit your details to the parish office. We hope to commence training initially after the 11am Mass. Lauren, Joseph and Izabella will conduct your training. Thank you . Fr Christopher

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on Wednesday, 13th October 2021 at 7pm**. Please, drop an email to the office if you are interested, also to book your appointment with Fr Chris. Later ,we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH. If you can spare an hour or two monthly to help us to keep the church clean, please, contact the office to discuss details. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £55.08 envelopes: £173.00 contactless collection last weekend: **£108.** total: £336.08
Standing orders in August **£2828.**

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church , we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

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